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SUBJ: UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE: REMARKS OF NIGERIAN PERMREP,
FEBRUARY 27

1. NIGERIAN PERMREP HARRIMAN DEVOTED THE ENTIRE TIME OF HIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMITTEE CONDOLENCES TO A DISCUSSION OF ANGOLA, AT OPENING OF UN APARTHEID COMMITTEE MEETING, FEBRUARY 27.

2. HARRIMAN BEGAN BY REFERRING TO AMB MOYNIHAN'S "PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN TWO MONTHS AGO", AT WHICH HE QUOTED AMB MOYNIHAN AS HAVING REFERRED TO SOVIET RECOLONIZATION EFFORTS IN AFRICA, SOVIET DESIGNS TO CONTROL SEA ROUTES, AND (HARRIMAN'S QUOTE) "WITH THE HELP OF NIGERIA AND GUINEA" THE SOVIETS' WISH TO CONTROL THE ATLANTIC COAST OF AFRICA. HARRIMAN OBSERVED THAT HE HAD THOUGHT THESE COMMENTS WERE AIMED AT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, UNCLASSIFIED

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HE SAID, SOME HAD TAKEN THEM SERIOUSLY. NIGERIA MADE AN

EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE WORLD OTHERWISE, AND SOME
SCANDINAVIAN AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HELPED IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

3. IN HIS SPIRIT, HARRIMAN CONTINUED, NIGERIA'S LATE
PRESIDENT MUHAMMED HAD TOLD THE OAU THAT THE THREAT OF
SOVIET DOMINATION IS ONLY AN EXCUSE USED BY THOSE WHO
ARE UNABLE TO IMPOSE THEIR OWN WILL IN AFRICA. IN HARRIMAN'S
VIEW, SOVIET UNION AND CUBA HAD SAVED ALL OF AFRICA FROM
THE REAL NEO-COLONIALISM WHICH WAS BEING STAGED FROM
SOUTH AFRICA.

4. ACCORDING TO HARRIMAN, THE "NAIVE SERGEANTS" WHO WERE
RESPONSIBLE FOR MUHAMMED'S ASSASSINATION HAD INTERPRETED
THE FMG AS BEING COMMUNIST, AND WISHED TO RETURN TO "REAL
NON-ALIGNMENT". THUS, THE EVENTS IN ANGOLA MUST BE
CONSIDERED AS LINKED TO THE ASSASSINATION. THE WEST'S
PROPAGANDA WAR AGAINST THE OAU AND MERCENARY RECRUITMENT
EFFORTS HAVE BOTH FAILED, BUT SOUTH AFRICA'S "NAKED AGGRESSION",
SUPPORTED PARTICULARLY BY THE US, CONTINUES. HARRIMAN
CALLED ON THE US, FRG, AND JAPAN TO EXAMINE THEIR POLICY
OF ASSISTING SOUTH AFRICA. IN ANY RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA, NIGERIA WILL SUPPORT THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
NIGERIA WARNS BROTHER AFRICANS THAT THREATS OF A MENACE
FROM THE "EAST" REPRESENT SIMPLY A RUSE TO DIVIDE THEM.
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